

Eastern Alberta's Leading Town





The Town Of Wainwright . . .

Wainwright is situated 130 miles south-east of Edmonton at the junction of highways 41 and 14. It is a divisional point on the main trans-Canada line of the Canadian National Railways. It is the main trading centre for a large mixed farming district and is also the centre of a rapidly expanding oil field. Also located at Wainwright is a military training camp.

Wainwright has a 54-bed municipal hospital to which a new wing will be added in the near future, a modern Clinic housing the offices of five Doctors and two Dentists, a dry cleaning plant, a dairy with pasteurization facilities, a weekly newspaper, the *Star-Chronicle*, and other businesses usual to a modern town. The town owns its own water and sewer system. Power is supplied by the Calgary Power Co. and natural gas from a local company.

In recreational facilities there are three theatres, a covered skating rink, a 5-sheet artificial ice curling rink, a nine hole golf course and a children's playground. Fifteen miles from town is Clear Lake, which offers swimming, boating, fishing, picnic grounds, etc.

There are four schools in Wainwright, two public schools, one high school and one separate (Roman Catholic) school. Wainwright is the site of the offices of the Wainwright School Division, the Municipal District of Wainwright, the District Agriculturist, and a Home Economist.

Spiritual life of the community centres around eight churches serving all the principal denominations. Many lodges and service clubs are active, including Masons, Elks, Oddfellows, Kinsmen, Lions, a branch of the Canadian Legion, a Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees.

Communications . . .

The Canadian National Railways provide Wainwright with excellent passenger, freight and express service, as well as being one of the major employers in the town. There are six passenger trains daily, including the famous "Super Continental." The Canadian National Telegraphs provide complete teletype service to any industry wishing to avail themselves of this ultra-modern facility.

A PROGRESSIVE



Wainwright is the main fueling centre for all trans-Canada trains, and at this point 70 carloads per month of locally manufactured bunker fuel and diesel fuel are used.

In the last crop year, 288 carloads of grain were shipped from Wainwright. Freight earnings, exclusive of outward collect shipments, amounted to \$691,610.00, and express earnings were \$60,457.00. The Railway's permanent staff in Wainwright number about fifty, with an annual payroll of approximately \$200,000.00. This does not include "floating" payrolls, such as train-crews, B and B gangs, and various other work gangs.

Byer's Transport, with a fleet of modern transport trucks, provides the town with daily service. They maintain a terminal in Wainwright and have direct connections with road transport to anywhere in Canada.

Sunburst coach lines provide daily bus service to and from Edmonton and east to Chauvin.

Centre Of A Thriving Oil Industry . . .

Wainwright is the centre of one of the most rapidly expanding oil fields in western Canada. Oil was first discovered in the district in 1924, and ever since that time petroleum products have been produced here. Until quite recently these products were confined to distillate and Bunker fuel.

In 1953 the American Northland Oil Co., with head office in San Francisco, formed a new company, the Wainwright Producers and Refiners Ltd., which purchased the existing refinery. This refinery was re-built on a much larger scale and commenced operations in March, 1955. The capacity of the present plant is 3,500 barrels daily, and plans for further expansion are well advanced. This year (1956) 130,000 barrels of storage capacity has been added. The refinery is of the crude topping unit type with vacuum distillation and vis-breaking. Among the products made here are gasoline, tractor fuels, distillates, diesel fuel, bunker "C" and road asphalt. The refinery is located on the main line of the C.N.R. and this great railway system uses fuels made in Wainwright for much of its equipment operating in western Canada.

The gasoline made here bears the name "Wainoco," and already there

TOWN IN A PROGRESS



are several "Wainoco" service stations in operation in and around Wainwright, and in other parts of northern Alberta.

The refinery relies on the many wells in the Wainwright field for its raw material, crude oil. The American Northland Oil Co. operate 65 producing wells, and are in the process of drilling more. Other companies supplying crude include Hartford Petroleum Ltd., Cleary Oil Co. Ltd., Rio Palmer Oil Co. and others. Altogether there are 110 producing wells in the Wainwright field as of October 1, 1956, and others coming into production almost daily. The crude is gathered from these wells and brought to the refinery by tank trucks. To further augment the supply, crude is brought from the Chauvin field, 40 miles to the east, by railway tank cars.

The heavy asphalt base of crude produced in this field makes it ideal for various types of building materials and other industrial uses, and there is a great potential here for further development in this field.

Canada's Second Largest Army Camp

Camp Wainwright, operated by the Department of National Defence, is the second largest military camp in Canada. As many as 7,000 troops take part in the summer training program each year, and in the winter there is a Junior N.C.O. School, as well as a large scale winter warfare school.

The camp provides modern facilities for its personnel. There are 94 units of permanent married quarters, all occupied, and all having all services such as central heating, sewer and water, etc. There is a six-room school, accommodating from Kindergarten to Grade nine. There is a garrison theatre, and other recreational facilities. The main Camp is only one mile from town, and a regular bus service operates to bring the residents of the camp to the town for shopping and other essential services, such as Doctors, Dentists, etc.

Camp Wainwright is the biggest employer of labour in Wainwright. There is a permanent civilian staff of some 400 employees, and in the summer the total rises to nearly double that figure temporarily. The annual civilian payroll is close to one and one quarter million dollars.



Agriculture, Alberta's Basic Industry...

The Wainwright district, with its soil varying from sandy loam to clay loam, is truly a mixed farming area. The topography varies from gently rolling to hilly, and the Battle river cuts through the western and northern part of the district. On the south the district is bounded by the Wainwright Military Camp. There are approximately 125,000 acres under cultivation in the district, with about 80,000 acres in crop each year. Grain production is roughly 50 per cent Wheat and 50 per cent Oats and Barley. Relatively small acreages of Rye, Flax and Rape Seed are also produced, as well as some grass and legume seed.

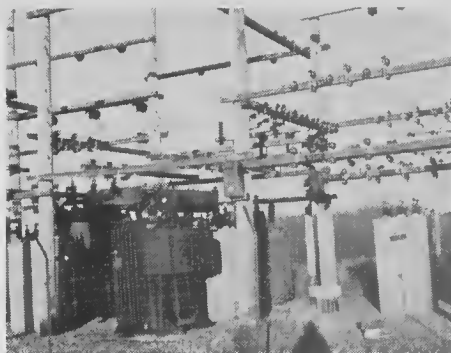
Farms vary in size from one half section to three or more sections, with the average about three quarters to one section, and virtually every farm has its quota of livestock. As might be expected, the main type of livestock is beef cattle, but there are also considerable numbers of hogs and some sheep and dairy cattle. The main dairy area is close to the town of Wainwright. Because of the large numbers of livestock, there is considerable land seeded to hay and pasture.

The agricultural production potential of the district is high, and although moisture is a limiting factor in some seasons, the combination of grain and livestock keep the farm economy in good balance.

The farming population of the Wainwright district is very community minded, and numerous locals of the F.U.A. and F.W.U.A. are active.

Virtually all farms in the district are served with rural electrification. This is done by means of local associations working in close conjunction with the Calgary Power Co. In the district served by the Wainwright headquarters of Calgary Power there are 700 rural services.

The Wainwright Stampede, held annually in the last week of June is one of the finest of its kind in western Canada. It is a two-day event featuring a colourful parade, rodeo events of a calibre comparable with the famous Calgary Stampede—Chuck Wagon races, a calf show, and various exhibitions of farm machinery, etc. The race track and arena meet with the highest standards, and the stands have a seating capacity of over 2,000.



The Town Of Wainwright

INCORPORATED 1910

Mayor: J. D. Wallace, M.D.

Sec.-Treas.: J. G. Middlemass

- Population:** Town proper, 1956 census, 2635;
Town with immediate environs, approximately 3200;
Trading area, approximately 8000;
- Location:** Township 44, Range 6; West of 4th Meridian
Electoral District of Wainwright; H. Ruste, M.L.A., Wainwright
Battle-River Camrose Constituency; Jas. Smith, M.P., Kitscoty.
- Altitude:** 2222 feet above sea level.
- Climate:** Annual rainfall, 21 year average: 16.88 inches.
Average temperature, growing season, 52 degrees F.
All year average, 33.5 degrees F.
Frost-free period, average 100 days.
- Assessment:** Property assessment: \$2,384,000.00.
- Tax Rates:** Property tax mill rate, 1956: 57 mills; Municipal 22; School 29; Hospital 6.
Business Tax Rate: 16 mills on square footage assessment.
- Power:** Ample supplies available.
Domestic rate: \$2.30 per month for first 20 k.w.h.
1½ cents per k.w.h. all over 20.
Commercial: Service charge, \$1.00 per H.P. per month.
Energy: 5 cents per k.w.h. first 50; 3½ cents per k.w.h. next 50; 1 2/3 cents per k.w.h. over 100.
Special rates for large industrial consumers.
- Natural Gas:** Ample supply.
Domestic and Commercial rate, \$2.50 per month for first 3 MCF: 38 cents per MCF all over 3.
For large industrial consumers contact Wainwright Gas Co.
- Water:** Large quantities available from deep wells.
Battle river flows through district only 6 miles from the town.
Water Analysis: Parts per million: Total solids 972, Ignition loss 60; Hardness 15; Sulphates 177; Chlorides 5; Alkalinity 525; Nature of alkalinity, bicarbonate of soda; Nitrites — Trace; Nitrates 0.7; Iron, nil.

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